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AND CONTROL PROGRAM OF  
COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the non-U.S. documents is enclosed.

U.S. Publication No. 2004/019506  
Japan 10-107938  
Japan 09-247334  
Japan 10-133967  
Japan 2000-354127  
Japan 2001-197279  
Japan 2001-016328  
Japan 2001-160866  
Europe 1 059 796

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. Additionally, EP 1 059 796 is believed to be an English language counterpart and is being submitted to comply with the concise explanation of relevance. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
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Respectfully submitted,

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| FORM PTO 1449 (modified)<br><br>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br><br>LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT<br>(Use several sheets if necessary) |           |                     |                 | ATTY DOCKET NO.<br><b>03500.017627.</b> |            | APPLICATION NO.<br><b>10/530,867</b> |                                       |
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| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS                                                                                                                                                        |           |                     |                 |                                         |            |                                      |                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                              |           | <b>2004/0196506</b> | <b>10/07/04</b> | <b>Izumi et al.</b>                     | <b>358</b> | <b>402</b>                           |                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>JP</b> | <b>10-107938</b>    | <b>04/24/98</b> | <b>Japan</b>                            |            |                                      | <b>Abstract</b>                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>JP</b> | <b>09-247334</b>    | <b>09/19/97</b> | <b>Japan</b>                            |            |                                      | <b>Abstract</b>                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>JP</b> | <b>10-133967</b>    | <b>05/22/98</b> | <b>Japan</b>                            |            |                                      | <b>Abstract</b>                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>JP</b> | <b>2000-354127</b>  | <b>12/19/00</b> | <b>Japan</b>                            |            |                                      | <b>Abstract</b>                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>JP</b> | <b>2001-197279</b>  | <b>07/19/01</b> | <b>Japan</b>                            |            |                                      | <b>Abstract</b>                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>EP</b> | <b>1 059 796</b>    | <b>12/13/00</b> | <b>Europe</b>                           |            |                                      |                                       |
| OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)                                                                                                     |           |                     |                 |                                         |            |                                      |                                       |
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